

IRON AND STEEL TRADE LIGHT.

"Iron Age" Declares That, Despite Conditions, Sentiment is Improved.

The Iron Age will say to-day: "New business has been rather light in nearly all branches of the iron and steel trades, and in some of them what is virtually a deadlock between buyers and sellers continues. Yet there is little uneasiness in any quarter. On the contrary, sentiment is better improved, although there is little that is tangible in the way of new orders to justify it."

In pig iron there are reports from some distributing markets, that inquiries are a little more numerous, but sentiment being placed in light and buyers are securing some concessions in prices. Birmingham reports sales of basic pig for western delivery aggregating 15,000 tons, but the market is easier, and \$12 is being asked for No. 2 foundry.

The coal miners of the Birmingham district have decided to strike at the last of the week, which the commercial firms accepted and the furnace companies with the few exceptions refused, making the situation is therefore unchanged and the open mines of the furnace companies will continue as heretofore.

A meeting is being held to-day between the Amalgamated Association and the independent sheet mills. The demands of the men for an advance of about 18% will certainly not be granted, and there is a chance for a partial suspension of work.

DATE FOR LEWIS JARVIS TRIAL.

To be set to-day—Wickes Meets Weston at Delmonico's.

Thomas Parmelee Wickes will appear before Justice Day in the Supreme Court, Criminal Branch, this morning to have a date fixed for his trial on the charge that he wrote blackmailing letters to Commodore Weston under the name of Lewis Jarvis. Mr. Wickes, who is now in jail, was yesterday that no other motions would be made.

Some of Wickes's friends are said to have asked him to plead guilty to a misdemeanor—blackmail—is a felony—with the understanding that the Court would suspend sentence of imprisonment, but the defense attorneys, who overtures have been made to District Attorney Jerome to learn what his attitude would be. While Mr. Jerome refused to discuss the case, it is said that he would not agree to such a proposition.

Commodore Weston and his counsel, Evan Roby, will appear before the Court at Delmonico's yesterday. Wickes came in and sat at a table next to them. There was no talk between the tables.

WHY HE FIRED AT THE AUTO.

Constable Says He Was Trying to Puncture Tire to Stop Machine.

ELIZABETH, N. J., June 21. Charles R. Van Houten of Springfield, who fired a shot at the automobile of Fredrick H. Levey on Monday evening, was arrested here yesterday and arraigned before Justice of the Peace James P. Kelly in this city. He was held for hearing and committed to the County Jail. The charge is a malicious assault with intent to kill. The affidavit on which the warrant was issued says that the defendant, besides the chauffeur, Mrs. Margaret Levey, Miss Madge Levey and Miss Virginia (Nettwee). Constable Van Houten explained the shooting by saying that he fired with the intention of puncturing one of the tires of the machine and thus forcing it to be stopped.

NEW BUSINESSMAN NABBED.

Send Him a Dollar and Learn How He Makes \$500 a Week.

Eugene B. Watt, who has operated the "New Business," at 373 Broadway, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields yesterday charged with use of the United States mails with intent to defraud. It is alleged that Watt sent out circular letters offering to show clients how to make money by a new method of investing. He was held for examination on \$10,000 bail. He was charged with capital received except a dollar bill, to be sent on as evidence of "good faith."

Chief of Police Inspector Entemann says that the "New Business" is the same old one of selling evidence for cash.

Bankrupt With Race-track Excuse Accepted.

Gustave Jacoby, Jr., who was arrested in Chicago on Tuesday on the charge of contempt of court committed in bankruptcy proceedings in New York City, was formerly a cigar dealer and filed a petition in bankruptcy on June 1, 1905. To account for some \$1,200 cash that had disappeared he told the referee in bankruptcy that he had lost it on the races. This was not believed, and he was ordered to produce the money, which he failed to do.

Reading on a 4 Per Cent. Basis.

The Reading directors put the stock on a 4 per cent basis yesterday, declaring a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent. At their meeting in Philadelphia. The last dividend was a semi-annual one of 1 1/2 per cent.

DAILY TREASURY STATEMENT.

Washington, June 21.—The statement of receipts and disbursements of the Treasury shows:

Receipts: This month, Fiscal year, 1905, \$2,000,000,000.00.

Disbursements: This month, Fiscal year, 1905, \$1,900,000,000.00.

Surplus: This month, Fiscal year, 1905, \$100,000,000.00.

Deficit: This month, Fiscal year, 1905, \$0.00.

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DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST.

Southern Pacific Company.

120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Interest due July 1, 1905, on the following bonds will be paid on and after that date at this office, namely:

Morgan's Louisiana & Texas R. R. & S. S. Co. 5s.

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Louisiana Western Railroad Co. 5s.

Louisiana & New Orleans Railroad Co. 5s.

Austin & Northwestern Railroad Co. 5s.

Southern Pacific Railroad Co. (of Arizona) 5s.

Southern Pacific Railroad Co. (of New Mexico) 5s.

Northern Pacific Company 5s.

South Pacific Coast Railway Co. 4s.

Oregon & California Railroad Co. 5s.

Southern Pacific Company First Mortgage 5s.

San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway Co. 4s.

California Pacific Railroad Co. 1st Mortgage 4s.

California Pacific Railroad Co. 2d Mortgage 4s.

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Knickerbocker Trust Company.

66 Broadway, New York City.

Coupons payable at this office on and after July 1, 1905.

Ablene Water Co. 1st 5s.

Albany Home Telephone Co. 1st 5s.

Amhurst County, Va. 4 1/2s.

Ashabula Water Co. 1st 5s.

Ashabula Water Co. General 5s.

Atlanta Water & Electric Power Co. 1st 5s.

Batavia Home Telephone Co. 1st 5s.

Bay Shore, N. Y., Union Free School District No. 1 5s.

Boone Gas Co. 1st 5s.

Brook, The, 5s.

Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corp. 1st 4s.

Coches-Waterford Home Telephone Co. 1st 5s.

Corning, N. Y., Bridge 4s.

Corning, N. Y., General Fund 4s.

Corning, N. Y., River 4s.

Corning, N. Y., School District No. 13 4s.

Corning, N. Y., Sewers 4s.

Corning, N. Y., Sewers Second Series 4s.

Corning, N. Y., Water 4s.

Continental Coke Co. 1st 5s.

Crawfordville Water & Light Co. 1st 5s.

Englewood Gas & Electric Co. General 5s.

Flahill & Mattovan Gas Co. 1st 5s.

Green Bay Phosphate Co. 1st 5s.

Hackensack Gas & Electric Co. Gen'l 5s.

Hackensack Gas Light Co. Gen'l 5s.

Independent Union Tel. Co. 1st 5s.

Johnson, Isaac, G. & Co. 1st 5s.

Leggett, Francis H., & Co. 1st 5s.

Liberty Silk Co. 1st 5s.

Lumber Securities Co. Collateral Trust 5s.

Manor Club 2d 5s.

Marion City Water Co. 1st 5s.

Moore Texas Rice & Canal Co. 1st 5s.

Mechanical Rubber Co. 1st 5s.

Naumkeag Street Ry. Co. 5s.

Newburgh & Orange Lake R. Co. 1st 5s.

N. Y. Belting & Packing Co., Ltd., Deb. 5s.

N. Y. Cab Co. Reg. 4s.

N. Y. & East River Gas Co. 5s.

Port Jersey Electric Light, Power & R. Co. 1st 5s.

Raleigh & Pimlico Sound R. R. 1st 5s.

Retrof Mining Co. 1st 5s.